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SUBJ: VISIT OF ITALIAN UNDER SECRETARY PEDINI

1. WHILE BEING FAR FROM PRECISE ON THE CONCRETE RESULTS, ITALIAN AMBASSADOR TERRUZZI TELLS ME THAT PEDINI' S RECENT VISIT TO SOMALIA TURNED OUT TO BE PRETTY MUCH A LOVEFEST. PEDINI WAS GIVEN RED CARPET TREATMENT AND HAD LONG AND INTERESTING TALKS WITH SOMALI LEADERS FROM SIAD ON DOWN. SOMALIS, FOR WHAT IT MAY BE WORTH, HAD WAXED ELOQUENT OVER THEIR TIES WITH ITALY AND SEEMED TO INDICATE MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE TOWARD ITALY IN PARTICULAR AND WEST IN GENERAL. (ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR, RUMOR GOING AROUND MOGADISCIO THAT PRESIDENT SIAD WOULD SOON MAKE VISIT TO WASHINGTON.)

2. TERRUZZI SAYS WHOLE SLEW OF ACCORDS WERE SIGNED AND AGREEMENTS REACHED ON EVERYTHING FROM NATIONALIZED BUSINESSES TO ITALIAN SCHOOLS. SOMALIS HAD PUSHED HARD FOR HELP ON OTHER MATTERS, SUCH AS BANANA PRICES, A MERCANTILE FLEET, SALT PLANTS, ETC. PEDINI' S REACTION TO MANY REQUESTS HAD BEEN
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CAUTIOUS, IF NOT NEGATIVE, BUT PROMISED SOME TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE. ITALIANS HAD ASSURED SIAD THAT HIS VISIT TO ROME WOULD BE WELCOME, ALTHOUGH NO DATES SPECIFIED. SOMALIS HAD PUSHED FOR LEONI' S VISIT TO SOMALIA. IN CD USSR READINESS TO COME TO AGREEMENT ON ALL OF THESE. HE NOTED CONSIDERABLE IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS OF SOVIET UNION WITH THE U. S., FRANCE, FRG AND JAPAN AND DESCRIBED 24 TH SOVIET CONGRESS MAINFESTO AS " PROGRAM FOR PEACE".

4. HE DESCRIBED VN CEASEFIRE AS MAJOR VICTORY FOR ALL MANKIND AND URGED THAT IT AND THE AGREEMENT ON LAOS BE SCRUPULOUSLY OBSERVED. THE SOVIET UNION HAD ASSISTED THE STRUGGLE OF THE VN PEOPLE FOR PEACE AND INDEPENDENCE.

5. RECONSTRUCTION OF INDOCHINA MUST BE ACT OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY WITHOUT POLITICAL STRINGS BUT SHOULD BE ON BILATERAL BASIS. U. S. MUST LIVE UP TO OBLIGATION TO HEAL WOUNDS. ASIAN COOPERATION AND SYSTEM OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY COULD ESTABLISH FAVORABLE CONDITIONS.

6. HIS MOST VITUPERATIVE COMMENTS WERE MADE IN RESPONSE TO CHINESE CHARGE OF " HEGEMONISM". ONLY A " SICK IMAGINATION HE SAID COULD CONCEIVE THE IDEA THAT USSR WANTS TO DISMEMBER AND CONTROL COUNTRIES OF ASIA AND ENCIRCLE CHINA. IT SUPPORTS COLLECTIVE SECURITY AS AN INSTRUMENT OF PEACE AND WILL ASSIST NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS MORALLY AND MATERIALLY WITHOUT FORCING ASSISTANCE OR ANYONE.

7. SPEECH CONTAINED FAMILIAR CRITICISM OF CAPITALIST ECONOMIES WITH THEIR MONETARY CRISES WHICH ARE DAMAGING TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS USUAL REMARKS ABOUT EXPLOITATION, COLONIAL HERITAGE, AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS WHOSE NEFARIOUS ACTIVITIES SHOULD BE CONTROLLED BY HOST GOVERNMENTS. THESE EVILS WERE CONTRASTED WITH BENEFITS OF SOCIALIST SYSTEM IN USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES WHICH ASIAN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES SHOULD EMULATE.

8. SOVIETS URGED CAUTION IN REORGANIZING ECAFE AND WARNED AGAINST HASTY ACTION WITHOUT CONSIDERATION OF ALL FACTORS.
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